

Not Your (Grand)father's Area Studies Librarianship

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The Changing Picture for “Library Schools”

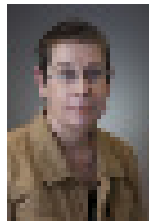
- Librarianship not seen as a viable career (thank you Forbes)
- Fewer traditional students
- More students in online programs
- Christa Williford’s suggestions highlight opportunities

Collaboration among Librarians and Library Schools

- teaching, supervising independent studies, internships



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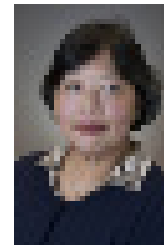
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Preparing MLIS Students in Languages and Area Studies

- IU offers 21 dual degrees (MLS and MIS) including
 - Folklore and Ethnomusicology
 - Central Eurasian Studies
 - Russian and East European Studies
 - African Studies
 - Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Seminar in Area Studies Librarianship?

- Perhaps 3 to 4 students a year at IU
- Similar levels of interest at some other schools
- Distributed expertise among librarians
- Online seminar
 - meet, network with experts
 - work with peers at other institutions
- (Relatively) neutral host



Looking Ahead

The next generation of effective area studies librarians will need understanding, confidence, and enthusiasm to work as partners with the next generation of subject and area researchers.

In a networked and loosely connected academic world, librarians will need technical and people skills to recruit or build the resources, tools, and expertise to support area studies.

Making the Case for Change

- Analysis of position responsibilities
 - What we perceive
- Environmental scan – ACRL 2013 noted:
 1. Changes (needed) in the profession
 2. Changes in scholarly communication
 3. Impact of technology



Fostering the Next Generation

- Tim Thompson, 2011 Rovelstad Scholarship recipient, now Metadata Librarian for Spanish language materials at the University of Miami

